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ALL GRAIN MARKETS DULL.

SUFFERED SMALL DECLINES IN CON-SEQUENCE.

Spread Between May and July Whest Continues to Widen-Lack of Buying Orders Weakens Provisions Prices.

Chicago, March 20 .- All the grain and provision markets were dull and uninter-esting to-day and the small declines which took place were more from lack of support than from any statistical news. Wheat de clined 4c, corn 4c and oats 464c; provis-ions closed 24610c lower.

The Liverpool wheat market showed a shade further improvement this morning and consols one-eighth of 1 per cent de-cline. For those reasons wheat held fairly steady at the opening and for an hour thereafter. There was observed, however, during that time the same comparative scarcity of May, compared with July, which was so marked a feature of the previous day's business. The difference between the two widened still farther. At the close on Friday, the spread was exactly 2c, and, after an hour's trading this forenoon, it had stretched to 2%c. The extra plentifulness of July was by some ascribed to better accounts from the country regarding growing wheat and expectation of further improvement as the result of the copious rains. May opened a shade lower at 4449 roc. to tuched 744,647,6c, and very gradually rose to 754c. But by 11 o'clock the price had declined to 745c. New York wired shortly after the opening that while cable grams were farm there were the shortly after the opening that while cable grams were farm there were the properting heavier offerings from Russia, which was instrumental in checking the volume of what was at best a limited demand, and in encouraging the growth of the bearish sentiment, which showed itself in the market after an advance of \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (a) to \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) the showed itself in the market after an advance of \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) the showed itself in the market recipits and some the corresponding week of the year before, and \$1,25,000 bushels on the week before, and \$1,25,000 bushels in the corresponding week of the year before. The market had a severe trouble in the last fifteen minutes before the close, and \$1,000 bushels on the corresponding week of the year before. The market had a severe trouble in the last fifteen minutes before the close. Small recipits and enormous weekly exports served to hold prices steady up to that time. Then the closing weakness of wheat, coupled with rumors of rate cutting, gave a sudden down turn to the market. May opened an closed easy at \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$. Clearances from the seabourd for the week were \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels, in eight weeks the Argentine shipped bushels on the past week in \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels, in eight weeks the past week week \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels in the thirty bushels are also and \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels in the thirty bushels are also and \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels in the thirty bushels are also and \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels in the thirty bushels are also and \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels in the thirty bushels in the thirty bushels are also and \$\frac{1}{2}\text{co}\$ (b) bushels in the thirty bushels in the thirty bushels in the thirty rains. May opened a shade lower at 74%@ Wie, touched 74% 974%c, and very gradually rose to 75%c. But by II o'clock the price

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Good Wheats Firm and Wanted-Corn Slow and Wenker-Oats Quiet.

In store-Wheat, 325,647 bushels; corn, 163,401 bushels; oats, 176,127 bushels, and rye, 415 bushels. WHEAT—Receipts past 24 hours.....11.400 all good milling samples were steady and in very good demand. But while all No. 2s and the best No. 3s were wanted, med-2s and the best No. 3s were wanted, medium and low grades continue dull. By sample on track here at Kansas City. No. 2 hard, 1564-16. 2 cars choice at 7c; No. 3 hard, 1564-16. 2 cars choice at 7c; No. 3 hard, 1 car at 7d; 1 car at 67d; 1 car at 67d; 1 car at 6d; 1 car at 6d;

RYE—Receipts past 24 hours...... Same time last year

bushel. FLAXSEED-Steady and in fair demand. Cash, 68970c per bushel, upon the basis of

Shipments 230 tons Selling very well and prices steady. Prairie, choice, \$5,5096.00; No. 1, \$5,0095.50; No. 2, \$4,0094.50; lower grades, \$3,0093.50. Timothy choice, \$8,5092.00; No. 1, \$7,7508.25; No. 2, \$6,7507.25. Clover, mixed, No. 1, \$6,2596.75; No. 2, \$5,7506.25.

Yesterday's Chicago Markets. Furnished by the French Bros. Commis-sion Company, room 22, Board of Trade building:

	Open.	High.	Low.		Fri'y.
Wheat-					
May July	74%	75%	74%	\$ 7316 7416 7216	75
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Grain Notes. Galveston exported 107,000 bushels of corn

the past week.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co., of Chicago, wired
J. E. Seaver: Liverpool cables that Russia
is selling wheat freely, also cheaply, for
shipment, May to September. A Chicago report says the Nebraska state report gave wheat condition almost perfect at 96 per cent, and claimed a growing area 50 per cent larger than normal.

Mr. Blanchard, of Bennington, Kas., was on 'change yesterday, and he says there is a good deal of wheat in that part of Kansas which has been damaged by the winter weather. winter weather.

winter weather.

The crop in Northwestern India is officially announced to be a fifth below average, also a third less area planted. The Bengal rice crop is stated to be one-third less than last year.

A telegram from Terre Haute, Ind., says further inquiry develops that wheat in that section is hurt some, but the fine growing weather is bringing out a good many fields that were given up as lost.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday 241,360 bushels of wheat, 14,642 packages of flour, 349,967 bushels of corn and 18,287 bushels of oats. Total wheat and flour clearances amount to 300,000 bushels.

Exports of Indian corn continue very

There was some inquiry for coast cargoes to make the Continent, but the strength gave place to sudden weakness when it appeared that commission houses had nothing but selling orders. English houses were good buyers near the close. At the close, May pork was about 19c lower at \$8.55 May lard 2½c lower at \$4.27½; and May ribs 5c lower at \$4.25½; and May ribs 5c lower at \$4.50.00.

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STOCKS AND BONDS.

Estimated receipts of the close, May be at 22 minutes and the continuation of t

Car lot receipts of wheat: K.C. Chi, St.L. Mpls. Dith. Tot. Car lot receipts of corn:

Past week 135 108 243 640 507 1433
Prev. week 134 108 258 1035 457 2025
2 weeks ago 204 201 71 1244 480 2200
A year ago . 78 136 141 2118 1246 371
2 years ago .60 240 80 1456 471 2507
3 years ago .198 188 100 1197 233 2076
3 years ago .208 1221 218 1065 804 3504
Car lot receipts of corn:

K.C. Chi. St.L. Tot.
Past week .471 861 1036 2258
Previous week .556 1090 1088 2734
A year ago .607 1791 444 2842
A year ago .607 1791 444 2842
A year ago .89 238 223 1250
Three years ago .607 1791 444 2842
Four years ago .89 238 223 1250
Three years ago .604 1045 1229 3278
Four years ago .346 947 1230 2523
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Car lot receipts of oats:

K.C. Chi. St.L. Tot.

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Previous week .69 1556
Two weeks ago .96 1598
A year ago .31 1641
Two years ago .37 1101
Three years ago .88 1107 264 555 1344

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MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

WEAKNESS AND UNCERTAINTY THE PREVAILING FEATURES IN STOCKS.

But the Bears Were Not Aggressively Active-Trading Light in Volume and the Close Both Quiet and Weak.

the banks yesterday, but the usual Satur-day's quiet prevailed at the discount day's quiet prevailed at the discount boards. Very little new paper was offering of any kind, but there was some little renewing. But little currency going to the country. Bank clearings, \$1,443,753, against \$1,253,555 the same day last year, an increase of \$149,858, a gain of 10 per cent. For the week, \$5,559,509, against the same week of last year, an increase of \$72,865.

Eastern exchange steady and quiet. Houton, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York 25c premium; Chicago, 25c premium; St. Louis, par.

par. The gold reserve yesterday was \$151,-The New York bank statement Saturday The New York bank statement Saturday showed an increase in loans of \$455.00; in specie of \$250,100; but there was a decrease in deposits of \$4,355.300; in legal tenders of \$6,085.000. The surplus reserve decreased \$4,684,575, making it now \$48,188,575 above the 5 nor cent rule. \$4,684,566, making it now \$48,168,975 above the 25 per cent rule.

The exports of specie the past week were: Gold, \$133,456, and silver, \$974,768. The imports were: Gold, \$129,340, and silver, \$35,-017.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, March 20,—Money on call casy at 1½02 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½64 per cent; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in banker's bills at 44.8564.87½ for demand and at 44.85½ 64.85½ for sixty days; posted rates, 34.8664.861½ and 34.8864.831½; commercial bills, 31.842.44.842. 4.80% and 44.80%4.85%; commercial bills, 15.81%264.85%. London, March 20.—Money 1½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 1½ per

cent.

New York, March 20.—Clearings, \$87,531,-168; balances, \$4,988,850.

Beston, March 20.—Clearings, \$15,250,055; balances, \$1,320,000.

Baltimore, March 20.—Clearings, \$2,053,302; balances, \$409,412.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Clearings, \$8,812,-208; balances, \$1,352,854.

Circinnatt, O., March 20.—Money, 3%6 per cent. New York exchange, 35c discount. Clearings, \$1,185,850.

Chicago, March 20.—Clearings, \$40,968,000.

New York exchange, 35c discount, Foreign New York exchange, 30c discount. Foreign exchange firm; demand, \$4.8715; sixty days. St. Louis, March 20.—Clearings, \$2,304,854; St. Louis, March 20.—Clearings, \$2,304,854; balances, \$25,261. Money, 567 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium; 50c premium asked. New Orleans, March 20.—Clearings, \$1,076,-Memphis, Tenn., March 20.—Clearings, \$259,201; balances, \$125,166. New York ex-change at \$1.50 premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.

New York, March 20.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Alabama, class A, 1644; Alabama, class B, 191; Alabama, class C, 98; Alabama currency, 96; Louisiana new consols, 48, 97; Missouri 68, 100; North Carolina 68, 124; North Carolina 48, 1624; South Carolina non-fund, 42; Tennessee new settlement 38, 79; Tennessee old 68, 60; Virginia centuriss, 6%; Virginia deferred, 6; Atchison 48, 83%; Atchison 2d A, 47%; Canada Southern 2ds, 1634; Central Pacific 18ts of '95, 16249; Denver & Rio Grande 78, 112%; Denver & Rosende 48, 89; Erie 2ds, 65%; G, H, & S, A, 68, 1634; G, H, & T, C, 68, 1624; M, K, & T, 2d 48, 59; Mutual Union 68, 119; New Jersey Central general 58, 1134; Northern Pacific 2ds, 544; Northwestern consols, 141; Northwestern S, F, debenture 58, 1124; Rio Grande Western 18ts, 73; St. Paul comsols, 13; St. P, C, & P, W, 58, 1144; St. L, & I, M, general 58, 754; St. L, & S, E, general 58, 112; Texas Pacific 2ds, 214; Union Pacific 18ts of '96, 1614; West Shore 48, 107.

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Silver	_	

New York, March 20.—Bar silver, 6212c per ounce, Mexican dollars, 4834c. London, March 29.—Bar silver, 28 11-16d

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, March 20.—The prevalent tone of the dealings on the Stock exchange to-day was one of weakness and uncertainty. There were no notable weak spots in the There were no notable weak spots in the list to affect the range of prices by sympathy, and the bears did not seem to be aggressively active. The market seemed rather to be in a condition of passivity and the natural result to be a drooping tendency. The volume of trading was considerably less than for several days, with a proportionate allowance for the half holiday and the diversity of stocks traded in was not so great. The bearish tendency of yesterday's close held over night and the opening was weak and markedly lower in many of the stocks which have recently served as a prop to the whole market. This was particularly manifest in the case of the Vanderbilt stocks.

The following was the range of prices yesterday, as furnished by the C. S. Lee Commission Company, 200 New York Life High, Low, Yes, Thur,

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C., B. & Q 1178	44.54	1111	
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Chicago tans 80 m	4.271734	447.7%	64
Chicago & N. W 10914	1085	1083	105
C., R. I. & P 68%	68.75	6855	68
Ches. & Ohio 18	1178	1754	
Del. & Hudson 1080's	108	108%	107
General Electric 3412	3436	34%	34
Illinois Steel 344		24%	
Louisville & Nashv., 49	4874	455	45
Manhattan 85%	48% 85%	85%	8.
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Nat. Lead Co., com 2354	23%	2073	2
N. J. Central 9119	567	203	25%
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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

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New York, March 29.—BUTTER—Receipts, 3,166 packages, Market steady; Western creamery, 136:19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 76:115c. CHEESE—Receipts, 322 packages, Market steady; state, large, 56:125c; state, sw. 56:125c; part skims, 56:125c; state, sw. 56:125c; part skims, 56:125c; ctill skime, 56:1c. CRCS—Receipts, 9,233 packages, Market steady; Western, 1912c. Chicago, March 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 6,000 barrels, and shipments, 4,000 barrels, Quiet and hardly so firm. Winter patents, 34,50:64,19; straights, 34,00:63,70; hakers grades, 33,00:63,20. BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 136:185c; dairy, 96:1c. EGGS—Weaker; fresh, 5c.

St. Louis, March 20.—FLOUR—Receipts,

Liverpool, March 20.—WHEAT—Spot firm; demand poor. No. 2 red. spring. 6s 31d to make good use of the small fortune which you have received."

You may be sure that I have done so already. "Futures closed firm with near and distant near positions unchanged to 4d higher and distant positions unchanged to 4d lower. March, 2s 84d. April, 2s 84d. May, 2s 34d lower. March, 2s 84d, April, 2s 84d, May, 2s 3dd lower. March, 2s 84d, FLOUR—Steady: demand moderate; St. Louis fancy, winter, 8s 6d. BACON—Firm; demand fair. Cumberland cut, 2s to 30 pounds, 2s; short ribs, 20 to 24 pounds, 2ss 6d; long clear, light, 35 to Drowsiness is dispelled by Beecham's Pills.

Sixul lots, 5de per dozen; hazelnuts, 24c per pound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, points, 24c per bound; by down that and the first pound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, points, 24c per bound; by down that and the first pound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, points, 24c per bound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, points, 24c per bound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, 769sc; peants, and 10ts, 56c per dozen; hazelnuts, 24c per bound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, 769sc; peants, and 10ts, 56c per dozen; hazelnuts, 24c per bound; pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, 769sc; peants, and 10ts, 56c per dozen; hazelnuts, 24c peants, 24d pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 567sc, according to size; pecans, 769sc; peants, and 10ts, 56c per dozen; hazelnuts, 24c peants, 25d pecans, 769sc; peants, and 10ts, 56c per dozen; hazelnuts, 25c peants, an Liverpool, March 20,-WHEAT-Spot firm;

28 pounds, Zis 6d; long clear, heavy, 40 to
45 pounds, Zis; short clear backs, light, 18
pounds, Zis; short clear middles, heavy, 45
to 50 pounds, 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16
pounds, 25s 6d. SHOULDERS—Square, 12
to 18 pounds, 24s. HAMS—Short cut, 14 to
16 pounds, 43s. TALLOW—Fine North
American, 18s 3d, BEEF—Extra India
mess, 56s 3d; prime mess, 47s 6d. PORK—
Prime mess, fine Western, 47s 6d; medium
Western, 42s 6d, LARD—Steady; prime
Western, 22s 3d; refined, in pails, 24s 6d.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, March 29.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, unchanged to 5 points lower, following disappointing cables, but later improved on light European buying and more favorable late cables. Heavy receipts at Brazilian ports caused the decline in Europe. Closed steady unchanged to 10 points advance, sales, 1,70 bags, including May, 8,2078-25c. Spot—Rio easy; No. 7, 85;c invoice, 9½c jobbing. Mild Dult; Cordova, 14½615½c. SUGAR—Raw firm; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 26 test, 25-16c; refined, market steady; mould A, 4%c; standard A, 4%c; confectioners' A, 4%c; cut loaf, 5%c; crushed, 5%c; powdered, 4%c, and granulated, 4%c.

New Orleans, March 20.—COFFEE—Rio, ordinary, 12½614%c. SUGAR—Open kettle, strong, 1½67%c; centrifugal firm; yellows, 37-1963%c. Others unchanged, MOLASSES—Firm and unchanged. New York, March 20.-COFFEE-Options

Rye and Seeds.

Chicago, March 29.—Rye—Cash, 23½c; May, 3½c; Flaxseed—Cash, 78½c; May, 78½c; Timothy seed—Prime, 82.75. St. Louis, March 29.—Rye—32c, track, Flaxseed—75c, Timothy seed—Prime, \$2.60 #2.95.
Toledo, March 20.—Rye—Quiet: No. 2, 2714c. Clever seed—Active at \$5.30 for cash, and March, \$5.25.

Cotton.

New Orleans, March 26.—COTTON—Futures quiet; sales, 16.200 bales, March, 6.856; 6.95c; April, 6.876; 6.88c; May, 6.926; 5.5c; June, 6.926; 5.94; August, 6.826; 6.84c; September, 6.576; 6.56c; October, 6.516; 6.52c; November, 6.536; 6.56c; December, 6.576; 6.58c; January, 6.996; 6.52c

Lend and Zinc.

New York, March 20.—Lead—Quiet: brokers' price, \$3.30; exchange price, \$3.40g3.45. Spelter—Steady; domestic, \$4.124564.20. St. Louis, March 20.—Lead—Higher at \$3.20. 63.25. Spelter—Firm at \$3.50.

LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH

Chicago, March 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 460. The market was of the usual Saturday character. Receipts were very small and were disposed of at the ruling prices. The greater part of the cattle now arriving are medium to good steers, weighing from 1.290 to 1.450 pounds.

HOGS—Receipts were light and prices were 5619c higher, the highest prices of the year being paid. Light hogs, which not long ago commanded a substantial premium, are now discriminated against, the best lots selling 16615c under best heavy. Sales were at \$3.7594.35 for the poorest to the best, chiefly at \$4.1094.20, heavy packing lots bringing \$3.7504.00. There were a good many inferior pigs and sales were made as low as \$4.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2000. In sheep, despite the liberal offerings, an active and strong market has been experienced, and prices this week have advanced 10920c. Cemmon to prime flocks of sheep went for \$1.0094.40. Westerns comprising the great bulk of the offerings and selling at \$3.9964.35. Yearlings sold at \$4.354.75. while lambs found buyers at \$3.8965.59, for poor to prime natives.

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Household Words. Probably the majority of people have been momentarily struck from time to time by the sight of dwelling houses of a time by the sight of dwelling houses of a sad, deserted appearance, curiously suggestive of rats and romance, which occur at intervals in the streets of London and most other big human hives. There they stand, year after year; no one occupies them, no one seems to make inquiries about them or to regard them as habitable; generally they crumble through sheer damp and disuse, or are eventually razed by the legalized "housebreaker." Of course, many houses answering to this description stand empty for years pending decisions in the court of chancers, or because the sanitary authorities have seen fit to condemn them; but it is a fact that hundreds of tary authorities have seen fit to condemn them; but it is a fact that hundreds of such houses remain vacant simply because of some queer local aversion of supersti-tion, which has gradually surrounded them with a fatal atmosphere of ill luck. Call a house "haunted" and with many people the ghost is taken for granted

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Occasionally the reasons why certain dwelling houses should have been marked out and shunned in this way are humorous to a degree—not to say ridiculous. The writer knows of one substantial pile, standing in a northwest suburb, which has been practically doomed to perpetual emptiness solely through a local report that a dastardly crime had been done in one of the rooms. Not an atom of base for this rumor was to be had, but in a short space of time the belief obtained such credence that it was no uncommon thing for one or more morbid sightseers to be found staring up at the blank windows and speculating as to the nature of the deed. Finally the street urchins took every opportunity to riddle it with stones, while every possible tenant was solemily warned against occupying the premises. The despairing owner reduced the rent from time to time, but a bad construction was placed upon this action, and the building is now an uninhabitable shell.

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Another house, in the very next street, had stood tenantless for a long time for a somewhat similar reason. It appeared that the last occupants had mysteriously disappeared, owing money in all directions. This was no unprecedented occurrence in itself, but it so happened that a local busybody discovered in one of the upper rooms a red stain, which was duplicated in the passage below, and immediately there were whisperings as to foul play. An investigation disproved this theory, but the rumor had cone forth, and that house was doomed. The fact that the stains in question were found to be nothing more than blotches of red paint made no difference. They were red. Instantly the local mind settled that they must be life-blood.

Even those people who pride themselves upon being above the influence of such idle gossip very naturally do not relish occupying a house that is pointed at and "talked about" while they can obtain one with no such notoriety attached. As a landlord bitterly remarked to the writer recently: "Let a house be singled out for local suspicion and whisters, it is almost certain to "Let a house be singled out for local sus-picion and whispers, it is almost certain to be doomed to future emptiness. No one cares to put the matter to the test."

Use for the Good Man's Tip.

From Youth's Companion.

A high dignitary of the English church connected with St. Paul's Cathedral went with his family to Egypt for a holiday journey. He planned a boating trip up the Nile and hired a dragomar to conduct the party. After their return to Cairo he settled the bill of expenses for the outing, and when everything had been arranged gave the dragoman an unusually large present in money in recognition of his services and good conduct. The Egyptian received the gift with Eastern urbanity, and with many expressions of gratitude.

Not many hours afterward the good man related his experiences in his boating journey to an English acquaintance, and in response to direct questions explained how much the water trip had cost, the tip to the dragoman being included in the estimate. much the water trip had cost, the tip to the dragoman being included in the estimate. The English friend was surprised by the generosity of the final gift.

"It was a small fortune." he said. "to bestow upon a poor Egyptian. You may depend upon it that the dragoman had never received so large a tip before. He must have thought that you were an American millionaire instead of a working English elergyman." millionaire instead of a working English clergyman.

The canon was somewhat disturbed by this revelation of his ignorance of Nile customs and his apparent recklessness in the use of money. Meeting the dragoman on the following day, he artiully contrived to intimate that in settling the account he had been guilty of indiscretion of overpayment for services rendered. The dragoman was polite in his replies and profuse in his expressions of gratitude, but gave no indication that he took the view of the transaction that was taken by the canon.

Finally, with a gracious smile, the good man said: "I overpaid you grossly, but you gave me faithful service and I do not regret it. I only hope that you have decided to make good use of the small fortune which you have received."

"You may be sure that I have done so already," returned the Egyptian. "I have bought another slave wife."

This was said with an air of self-satisfied virtue which fairly took away the good enous, breath and left him succelless. He

LOCAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

DOING IN CATTLE, BUT PRICES STEADY.

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 SHEEP-Movements the past 24 hours:

Stock Grand ave. yards. stables.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET. Tone a Little Better, Though Prices

and Indian Territory—Fine, 466c; fine medium, 568c; medium, 5610c; combing, 8610c; coarse, 768c. Colorado—Fine, 668c; fine medium, 769c; medium, 8610c; coarse and carpet, 768c; extra heavy and sandy, 566c.
HIDES AND PELITS—Firm but slow sale. Quoted: Green and salted, free of brands, fiat, per pound, No. 1, 74c; No. 2, 54c; free of brands, flat, 64c; green salted, side branded, No. 1, 64c; No. 2, 54c; green salted kips, 15 to 25 pounds, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c; green salted calf, 8 to 15 pounds, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 8c; green, uncured, No. 1, 6c. Sheep pelts, green, 25650c; dry; 465c per pound. Not Quotably Higher.

BUTTER-Firm, and demand very goo

BUTTER—Firm, and demand very good for all choice table goods. Quotations are as follows: Fancy separator, Inc, firsts, Icc, dairy, fancy, Inc, fair, 10c, store packed, Sc; packing stock steady, Sc; country roll, neatly packed and sweet, 10c; choice, Sc; mussy, unwrapped stock, 76Sc.

EGGS—Market quiet; strictly fresh, 7½c var dozen. er dozen. POULTRY-Demand good and hens firm Ducks and geese are barely steady, because of the poor demand, especially for geese. We quote: Hens, 6c: roosters, 15c each; Springs, firm and wanted, 7c; young roosters, smooth legs, 174/220c each; broilers, 14/2 to 2 pounds, 869c; capons, 869c. Turkeys, hens, 8c; old gobblers, 6c; young gobblers, 7c; ducks, 596c; geese, 5c. Pigeons, 75cg\$1

per dozen.
BUTTERINE-We quote: Dairy grades, He; medium grades, 12c; high grade, 14%c 1-pound rolls, bricks and prints, le over above prices; 2 and 3-pound rolls, 10 and 20 pound packages, 14c over above prices, CHEESE-Quiet. New York and Ohio full cream, 12c; Wisconsin fancy, full cream, 104c; Missouri, Kansas and Iowa, full cream, 899c; light skim, 597c per pound; Herkimer, full cream, Ile; Young America full cream, 1949allc. POTATOES-Demand fair at old prices

Greeley stock, 60c in car lots, 65g70c in a small way.

SWEET POTATOES—Slow sale. Good to choice, 25635c per bushels; seed, \$1,259 1,50 per larrel.

APPLES—Steady and in fair demand. We quote: Choice eating stock out of wagons, 45655 bushel; inferior, 25640c; cooking stock, 25635c; Ben Davis, dull, 40c; Wine Saps, 50690c, according to quality; Huntsman's Favorite, 60675c per bushel for fancy stock; small supply Baldwins, \$1,35662 per barrel in a small way. Cold storage stock with Saps and Huntsman's Favorite, \$2.00 (2.50 per barrel, Belleflower, \$2,2562.55 per barrel; other fancy table stock, \$2,2562.55 new York and Michigan stock, \$1,55661.75 in car lots and \$1,5062.25 in barrels, according to quality.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas berries conording to quality.
STRAWBERRIES-Texas berries continue to come in in poor condition and sales are hard to make. Florida strawber-ries are quoted at 25935c per box. Texas, \$2,0064.00 per 24-quart crate, according to

puality.
FRUITS-We quote: Lemons, new crop. quality.

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Sicily, fancy, \$3.50; choice, \$3.90 in a small
way: California stock, \$2.5063.25 per box;
Mexican oranges, \$2.7563 per box; California navels, fancy, \$2.2564; choice, \$3.0063.75
in a small way: seedlings, fancy, \$2.5062.5;
choice, \$2.0062.50. Bananas, shipping, \$1.506
2.00; peddler stock, \$9.651.20. Cranberries,
Cape Cod, fancy, \$2.7567.25 per barrel; \$1.75
per bushel box; Jersey, \$3.0065.30 per barrel,
Malaga grapes, scarce, \$3.0665.375 per low;
Small outs, 50e per dozen; hazelnuts, \$24c per
pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound;
Texas, 5639c, according to size; pecans, polished, 6610c; Mexican pecans, 739c; peanuts, Virginia, white, raw, 465c per pound;
Tennessee, raw, 465c; roasted, 64.47c; Kansas, 24c; hickory nuts (large shellbark),
\$56431.00 per bushel; small Missouri stock,
\$5645c; native walnuts, 50e per bushel;
pinon nuts, 12618c per pound; butternuts,
75c per bushel.

GAME—Warm weather against the mar-

Hogs Further Improved and in Good Demand-Tops \$4.12 1-2-Sheep Active and Firm-Good Recelpts for Saturday.

Western receipts the past week: Cattle 24,960 41,300 5,100 Hcgs 50,200 124,200 34,560 Sheep 17,700 64,000 9,700 25,200 16,500 Receipts 252 21
Shipments 1.895 241
Drive-outs 2.831 94
There were not enough on sale to test the market yesterday. Saturday's quiet prevailed. A few scattering sales, both of steers and cows were made and at prices much the same as Friday. Milch cows steady, firm and in good demand. Common, \$169.18; medium to fair, \$229.28, and good to choice, \$229.42.59.

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Drive-outs. 1.563
There was a fair run yesterday for Saturday, but the offerings were all wanted.
Most of the arrivals were Western fed stuff, in fair to good condition. Buyers took hold without hesitancy and the pens were cleared early and without trouble.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

Av. Price.

HORSES AND MULES—Movements the past 24 hours:

Quotations below are for job lots. On small lots higher prices are asked and ob-tained, enough being asked to cover extra cost of caring for and filling them.

COTATOLS—Demand that at old prices, Quotations are as follows: Home grown, 25c per ou. in a small way. Wisconsin and Michigan Burbanks, 32c in car bulk lots, 40c in a small way; Pearls, 2c less; Early Ohios, 2c more; lowa stock, 24@28c in car bulk lots, 50@38c in a small way. Colorado Greeley stock, 60c in car lots, 65@70c in a small way.

Your Washtub

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will be turned upside down more of the time if you use Clairette Soap. If you do your own washing this means rest for you. If you hire it done, it means money for you. If time is ever elaborately thrown away, it is over a wash tub with a poor seap.

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Robertson Bros., Mgrs.

Wool, Hides and Pelts. WOOL-Firm and in very good demand. Missouri and similar-Fine, SuSc: combing S@12c; coarse, 10@11c. Kansas, Nebraska

and Indian Territory-Fine, 466c; fine me-

St. Louis, March 29.—WOOL—Steady. Medium, 12/916c; light fine, 99:11½c; heavy fine, 76/9c; tub washed, 15/923c.

Provisions. Packers were disposed to offer a little more freely yesterday, and the tone of the market was weak, but higher hogs pre-vented any actual decline.

We quote car lots: GREEN MEATS-Shoulders,\$4.35@4.60 per

ONE WISE ADVERTISER

Little Jokelet Now and Then Is Rel-Ished by the Best of Men.

and he can print anything he wants. Besides, a pun in an advertisement seems to catch the eye that kind of wanders around waiting for something to fix it.

"I guess that is what I was doing about ten days ago in a New England town of about 4,000 people, where you might expect people to make prayers, but never puns. I was merely there to catch a train on a crossroad, and while waiting I wandered along the main street of the town. At last I came to a store where the pro-

At last I came to a store where the pro-prictor had out in front a lot of rickety-locking furs, wraps, robes, gloves and that

kind of winter wearing apparel, with sleighbells on the side. On the lot he had a card that showed up like a circus bill, which bore the inscription: "Killing Cos-

'It was none of my business, of course

of his triumph as I hurried back to the train that was to carry me away from the scene of my discomfiture."

Knew How to Work It. Politician-"I am afraid the fact that you we just come from the farm will

against you."

Bill Jay-"I don't think that sught to hender me from knowing how to be a good policeman. When I was on the farm I made it a rule to work it for all it was worth. I guess I know heow to dew per-

licin' all right!"-Indianapolis Journal.

Buy and sell on com mission. Do strict-ly a legitimate Consignments solici ed Auction days: Tuesdays and Thursday

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PATRONS:

SI. 1569.00: redheads, \$1.7562.00: teal, green wing, \$1.00: blue wing, \$1.25, and mixed, \$5cd dozen, Grass plover, \$1.00 dozen, Justed, \$5cd dozen, Grass plover, \$1.00 dozen, Justed, \$5cd dozen, Grass plover, \$1.00 dozen, Justed, \$1.00 per dozen, according to \$12ce, VEGETABLES—Selling in a fair way and prices little changed. We quote: Cabbage, fancy New York Holland, \$1.40 blue, \$1.00 per 100 pounds; Southern, \$1.0001,55; Florida, \$1.00 per 100 pounds; Southern, \$1.0001,55; Florida, \$1.00 per 100 pounds; Southern, \$1.0001,55; Florida, \$1.0000,50; Per 100 pounds; Southern, \$1.0001,55; Florida, \$1.0000,50; Per 100 pounds; Southern, \$1.0000,50; Per 10000,50; Per 10000,50

the Southwest and range country that they are needed there, and ranchmen should be allowed to get them as cheaply as they can be had."

Pat Doyle, who ranches near Higgins, Tex., says the cattlemen in his section are stocking up again, and that there will be as many cattle on the range there this summer as busual; but, as most of them will be young, the market supply will be light.

T. F. Timmons, who is just back from the San Antonio, Tex., Cattle Growers' convention, thinks the shortage in the number of cattle to come from Texas and the Territory this season has been overestimated. He thinks 20 per cent will cover the loss. Cattle came through the winter in better condition than usual, and will go on the spring grass stronger than for some seasons, and the indications are that cattle will be early this year with favorable weather in the range country.

G. B. Dennison, Vinita, I. T., was a visitor at the yards yesterday. He says that cattle wintered well in his section and that grass is coming on nicely.

William Pierce, Maple Hill, Kas., was a visitor at the yards yesterday. He says there are more cattle in Wabaunsee county than last year, and the number of hogs an average.

Visitors at the Yards With Stock.

Kelley & Fraiser, Glendale, Kas., had in logs yesterday. Joe Brazzel, Purcell, I. T., was in yester-day with hogs.

Arthur Lacy, Hawthorn, Kas., got feed-ers here yesterday.

H. M. Thorp, Marion, Kas., had in cattle and hogs yesterday. and hogs yesterday.

Frank Hobart, Glen Elder, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs.

W. J. Mercer, Agricola, Kas., came in yesterday with hogs.

GREEN MEATS—Shoulders, 4.354.50 per cwt. hams, 8.0568.75.
LARD—Cash, \$4.00; March, \$4.00.
SWEET PICKLED MEATS—Hams, \$8.25
(8.75; shoulders, \$4.75675.00.
D. S. MEATS—Shoulders, cash, \$4.3564.65
per cwt.; short rib sides, cash, \$4.3564.65; long clear sides, \$4.9064.55; short clear sides, \$4.7064.80. yesterday with hogs.

J. B. Wilson, Drexel, Mo., was here yesterday with cattle and hogs.

C. A. Worthington, Fairplay, Mo., was on the yards yesterday with hogs.

O. G. Jucobs, Wichita, Kas., was here yesterday with cattle and hogs.

F. M. Lukes, Carroll county, Mo., was here yesterday and got feeders. here yesterday and got feeders.

A. D. Blanchard, Bennington, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with hogs.

J. G. Painter, Painter, Kas., was on the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

James Evans, Mooresville, Mo., was at the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

W. W. Breckinridge, Clinton county, Mo., was here yesterday looking after feeders. From the Washington Star.

"It there is anything I don't like," observed the drummer handling a line of cloaks and furs and selling a lot of them in Washington, "it is puns or the man who produces them on sight or keeps them on tap. The only place that a pun can be used at all, in my judgment, is in an advertisement, for there a man pays for it, and he can print anything he wants. Besides, a pun in an advertisement seems to

The little cabin gray and old is roofed with moss and patches;
The windows shake with shattered panes,
The doors with broken latches.
A creeper to the crumbling caves Its way is slowly threading. But there they came from far and near, The night of Nora's wedding.

If you across the ridgy field
I liad happened to be straying
You might have heard from dark till dawn
The blind old fiddler playing:
And, peering in, you might have seen
A wrinkled woman heading
The mazes of an Irish ilg.
The night of Nora's wedding.

She brushed her whitened locks aside And courtesied down the middle, Still keeping perfect step and time To partner and to fiddle. Her ample skirts of woolen stuff Coquettishiy outspreading but I stopped to examine the stuff, and the proprietor, a cheerful sort of a soul, came out to see me."
"What you got that on there for?" said The fire of youth was in her eye. The night of Nora's wedding. "What you got that on there for?" said
I, peinting to the card.
"Cause that's what ought to be there,'
said he, smiling.
"But it oughtn't,' said I.
"Why oughtn't it?
"Simply because "killing" in the sense
you use it there means something brilliant
and striking, and those things are as plain
as the nose on your face.
"Just the same, they are for sleighing
purposes,' grinned the merchant, with his
thumb up to that same plain nose, and his
far off forests of Punjab echoed the notes
of his triumph as I hurried back to the

Until the early morning. With all the grace of seventeen
The merry measures treading.
She danced the lads and lassles down, The night of Nora's wedding. THE GREAT FRENCH REMEDY!

Oh, Nora was so fair a bride She needed no adorning. But Nora's mother kept the floor



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